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SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE: HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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1. DR. SHAFIK, MIN TOURISM CABINET DIRECTOR, CONTACTED DCM FEBRUARY 6 TO INFORM HIM THAT HE COULD GIVE "NINETY PERCENT GUARANTEE" THAT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY ROOMS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CODEL PRICE FEBRUARY 14-17 AT MERIDIEN HOTEL. SHAFIK SAID HOTEL MANAGER REPORTED THAT WORK IN FINISHING THESE ROOMS WAS GOING WELL AND ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR CODEL'S ARRIVAL.

2. DCM CONFIRMED WITH HOTEL MANAGER THAT STATE OF PREPARATION WAS INDEED MOVING RAPIDLY AND THAT AT MINIMUM 20-22 DOUBLE ROOMS WOULD BE READY. IN ADDITION, HOTEL MANAGER PROMISED EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ROOMS AVAILABLE TO REACH TOTAL OF THIRTY DOUBLE ROOMS.

3. HE STATED THAT TWO CONNECTING ROOMS COULD BE ARRANGED AS SUITE FOR CHAIRMAN, BUT THAT REST OF THE ROOMS WOULD BE SET UP FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT, WITH THE ROOMS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE

TO OBTAIN FOR AIR CREW (REFTEL), SPACE AVAILABLE AT MERIDIEN
HOTEL WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO HOUSE CODEL. EMBASSY WILL
COMMUNICATE WITH CODEL WHEN WE HAVE DEFINITE
INFORMATION AS TO ACTUAL NUMBER OF ROOMS READY FOR OCCUPANCY
AND WILL REQUEST CODEL ADVICE ON ROOM ASSIGNMENTS
AT THAT TIME.
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